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Sent: 3/6/2020 4:22:12 PM
To: Albright, David [Albright.David@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: CA State Senate inquiry

Thanks David!

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From: Albright, David <Albright.David@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 6, 2020 8:13 AM
To: Gill, Sonam <Gill.Sonam@epa.gov>
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Hi Sonam, here is the response I would suggest to her question –

Yes, if a Class VI UIC permit is issued then USEPA personnel will be responsible for conducting oversight of well activities, including the construction, testing, and operation of the well. Since the state of CA does not have UIC primacy for Class VI wells, USEPA has direct implementation responsibility. That said, given the unique nature of Class VI wells and the involvement and interest of both CalGEM and the State Water Board in UIC issues in CA, USEPA will be coordinating with these state agencies as we evaluate the project and reach a permitting decision.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
David

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Hi David,

Katharine had a follow-up question. See highlights below.

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Hi Sonam,
Thank you very much for the prompt response.

I have one follow-up question, if you don't mind.

If US EPA approves the Class VI well, do US EPA personnel monitor the well (i.e. witness integrity testing, etc)? I am curious if/how California's well regulators play a role (be it CalGEM or other agency) or not. Please note that I am asking specifically about the well itself – not emissions/so on monitoring related to the well.

I really appreciate your help.

Much thanks.

Cheers,
Katharine

From: Gill, Sonam <Gill.Sonam@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 28, 2020 12:27 PM
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Subject: RE: CA State Senate inquiry

Hi Katharine,

EPA R9 did get a Class VI UIC application for a carbon sequestration well in CA. EPA R9 received the application last week, and it is undergoing administrative review – essentially an initial 30 day review to ensure that all the necessary portions of the application were submitted and that they are complete. The applicant is Clean Energy Systems and their proposal is for one injection well at a site in Mendota, CA. Please let me know if you have any other questions.

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Hi Sonam,

Thank you for responding. I appreciate it.

I am curious if there have been any applications to the US EPA for Class VI UIC wells (carbon sequestration) here in California? If so, what is the status of these applications? To the extent this information is public, where are these Class VI wells proposed and by whom?

As I'm sure you know, the recent report by Lawrence Livermore has created a considerable interest in deep well carbon sequestration here in the state. While I am aware of a handful of pilot projects, it is unclear if there are long-term projects under current consideration. Hence my inquiry.

Much thanks for your help.

FWIW, I will be out the rest of this week due to family considerations.

Cheers,
Katharine

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Hi Kathrine,

Please feel free to send me the details on the question you have, and I can check in with my colleagues who work on underground injection control.

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Hi Katherine,

My colleague Sonam Gill (copied here) is our region's Congressional Liaison. She can help find the information you're seeking. Her contact information is listed below as well.

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Thanks for reaching out!

- *Denise Adamic, Press Officer, U.S. EPA Region 9*

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Hi Denise,

Is there a governmental/state/legislative affairs contact for Region IX? I obtained your name off one of the US EPA Region IX's press releases.
I work in the California State Senate and have a question for the US EPA Region IX related to the underground injection control program.

Much thanks.

Cheers,
Katharine

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